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**Social Science Division Meeting**  
**August 22, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Imholte Hall 111**

**Faculty in Attendance:** Leslie Meek (Chair), Oscar Baldelomar, Joe Beaver, Nick Benesh, Cyrus Bina, Sheri Breen, Michael Cheyne, Donna Chollett, Rebecca Dean, Jennifer Deane, Clayton Forester, Solomon Gashaw, Farah Gilanshah, Chris Hagains, Hsiang-Wang Liu, Hiro Imai, Tom Johnson, Arne Kildegaard, Paul Kivi, Nick Leonard, Tim Lindberg, Clement Loo, Ben Narvaez, Cristina Ortiz, Bibhudutta Panda, Heather Peters, Teresa Peterson, Roger Rose, Cheryl Stewart, Dennis Stewart, and Marynel Ryan Van Zee.

**Faculty Excused Absences:**

Steve Gross, Roland Guyotte, Seung-Ho Joo, and Fred Wallace.

**Faculty on Leave:**

Kent Blansett (LOA), Ed Brands (Fall SSL) Steve Burks (Sabbatical), Bart Finzel (recused due to position as Dean), and Jennifer Rothchild (Sabbatical) .

**Student Representatives in Attendance:** Jordan Lorsung (Anthropology/Sociology), and Jordan Wente (Economics/Management).

**Student Representatives Excused:** Colm Macnab (History), Benjamin Baglio (Political Science), and Amanda Weiner (Psychology).

**Chair Meek called the meeting to order at 10:09**

**I. Announcements**

Division Picnic this afternoon at Terri Hawkinson's lake cabin.  
The Policy on Division Office Procedures and Expenses has been sent to everyone.

**II. Welcome and Introduction of New Faculty and New Student Representatives**

Chair Meek introduced faculty members returning after a hiatus or in a new position: Hsiang-Wang Liu, Fred Wallace, Clayton Forester (now tenure-track in Econ/Mgmt), Mike Cheyne, and Tim Lindbergh; and new faculty members Cristina Ortiz (Anthropology), Clement Loo (Environmental Studies), Chris Hagains (Psychology), and Teresa Peterson (American Indian Studies).

The division welcomed back Marynel Ryan Van Zee from sabbatical.

Chair Meek introduced the student representatives for this year: Jordan Lorsung (Anthropology/Sociology), Jordan Wente (Economics/Management), Colm Macnab (History), Benjamin Baglio (Political Science), Amanda Weiner (Psychology)

**III. Division Announcements and Updates**

Chair Meek thanked everyone for a very good year last year.

Second floor of Imholte now has a folk art collection donated by Harold Hinds. Donna Chollett spent much of the summer organizing and cataloguing. There is also a website with details of the collection.

We have permission for tenure-track searches in Psychology (health psychology) and in Political Science.

Discipline Coordinators will receive the discipline budgets soon. Budgets have been increased.

Keep in mind that we have \$150 for student travel grants, and \$150 per faculty member for faculty development.

Alumni and student networking event on Sept. 27.

The Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments Reception will be Nov. 5 (application deadline Sept. 5). Chair Meek considers it a big deal and would like as great a representation as possible from Social Sciences. Jennifer Deane noted that we have a new VP for research in the UM system, and these events can really help showcase our research.

New Program: UMM has received a grant from the the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation - Roland Guyotte is an adviser in this program, which targets first-year students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Deadlines for probationary faculty to submit files have been sent, along with dates for meetings for all faculty and tenured faculty only.

## **V. Elections**

Social Committee – Heather Peters will Chair, Bibhu Panda has agreed to serve, as well.

Grievance Officer - Solomon Gashaw agreed to continue in this position.

Policy committee – Arne Kildegaard will Chair, Seung-Ho Joo in his final year (Chair Meek does not anticipate new policy development, so the committee was not filled out).

Division Art & Bulletin Board Committee – Donna Chollet will Chair.

## **VI. General Announcements**

Cyrus Bina noted the importance of UMM's new Sierra Club ranking.

Jennifer Deane thanked Chair Meek for getting us through a very tough summer.

Arne Kildegaard will be on MPR Friday, August 23 (11:20 to noon).

Meeting adjourned at 10:37

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Joe Beaver